(ii) TDS-cum-Return form for salaried taxpayers having income up to one lakh fifty thousand rupees and not having any income from business/profession, capital gains, and agricultural income and also not having any income other than salary on which tax is deducted at source.

(b) and (c) A tax return form is a reflection of the existing tax laws. To the extent, the tax laws are complicated the same would be reflected in the return. Therefore, as a first step, Government has set-up an Expert Group to prepare a draft for simplified Income-tax Code.

(d) and (e) Does not arise in view of reply to parts (b) and (c).

Opening of economy for attracting FDI

2949. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Prime Minister during his recent visit to New Delhi called for further opening up of Indian economy to attract more Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) from the European Union; and

(b) if so, the precise demands made by the EU President, and the estimated amount of additional FDI expected from EU, sector-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) At the sixth India-EU Summit, it was agreed to take positive steps to further increase bilateral trade and economic co-operation and tackling barriers to trade and investment.

For enhancing investment in India and the EU it was proposed, *inter alia*, to explore the scope of a possible investment agreement, initiate a discussion on Public Private Partnerships towards enhancing investment in infrastructure and establish an appropriate dialogue to discuss Intellectual Property Rights policy and regulatory issues.

Role Model for Economic Growth of Asian Countries

2950. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Singapore has identified India as the pace-setter for the economic growth of other Asian countries; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) The emergence of India and China as major Asian economies with potential for high growth rates is globally acknowledged. While South East Asian countries have evinced keen interest in the economic ties with India, Singapore has strengthened the process through the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement reached between Singapore and India in June 2005.

Sanctions on Urban Co-operative Banks in AP

2951. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the RBI had imposed sanctions on the Urban Co-operative Banks in Andhra Pradesh during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details of each bank in this regard;

(c) the reasons in each case;

(d) whether the RBI had reviewed the working conditions of the Urban Co-operative Banks in AP recently; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Reserve Bank of India have placed two Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) under directions and ten banks under operational instructions in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The Bank-wise details alongwith reasons for such actions is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(d) and (e) The RBI has been reviewing the performance of UCBs through on site inspection/scrutiny, off-site surveillance, statutory audit reports and interface with the management of the banks as also the Register of Co-operative Societies(RCS) of the State of Andhra Pradesh. On the Government of Andhra Pradesh signing a MoU with the RBI a Task Force for Urban Cooperative Banks **(TAFCUB)** was constituted for Andhra Pradesh. The TAFCUB has since reviewed the performance of all non-scheduled UCBs except two *viz.*, The Srikakulam CUBL and the Kanyakaparameswari